

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Press Freedom Day is on May 3 every year. The U.N. General Assembly introduced it in 1993. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press. It is also a reminder to governments to respect the right to freedom of expression. This right is a key part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Many news organizations join forces to defend world media from attacks on their independence. The day is also a special time for journalists to pay tribute to colleagues who have lost their lives while reporting. UNESCO gives a special prize on this day to the person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to protecting or promoting press freedom.

U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon spoke about the importance of a free media and of protecting journalists. He said: "A free, secure and independent media is one of the foundations of peace and democracy. Attacks on freedom of press are attacks against international law, against humanity, against freedom itself....I am therefore...alarmed at the way journalists are increasingly being targeted around the world, and dismayed when such crimes are not thoroughly investigated and prosecuted." Mr. Ban called on all societies to "spare no effort in bringing to justice the perpetrators of attacks on journalists". He also paid tribute "to all who work in difficult and dangerous conditions" to bring us the news.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The aim of the day is to | a. to colleagues |
| 2. respect the right to freedom | b. lives |
| 3. join forces to defend world media | c. of expression |
| 4. pay tribute | d. raise awareness |
| 5. lost their | e. contribution |
| 6. made an outstanding | f. from attacks |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the importance of a | a. and democracy |
| 2. the foundations of peace | b. being targeted |
| 3. journalists are increasingly | c. effort |
| 4. crimes are not thoroughly | d. free media |
| 5. spare no | e. tribute |
| 6. paid | f. investigated |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Press Freedom Day is on May 3 every year. The U.N. General Assembly _____ 1993. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press. It is _____ to governments to respect the right to freedom of expression. This right is _____ Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Many news organizations join forces to defend world media _____ independence. The day is also a special time for journalists to pay tribute to colleagues who have _____ reporting. UNESCO gives a special prize on this day to the person or organization that has _____ contribution to protecting or promoting press freedom.

U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon _____ importance of a free media and of protecting journalists. He said: "A free, secure and independent _____ the foundations of peace and democracy. Attacks on freedom of press are attacks against international law, against humanity, against freedom itself....I am therefore..._____ way journalists are increasingly being targeted around the world, and dismayed when _____ thoroughly investigated and prosecuted." Mr. Ban called on all societies to "_____ in bringing to justice the perpetrators of attacks on journalists". He also paid tribute "to all who work in difficult and dangerous conditions" to _____.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Press Freedom Day is on May 3 every year. The U.N. General Assembly _____ it in 1993. The aim of the day is to _____ awareness of the importance of freedom of the press. It is also a reminder to governments to respect the _____ to freedom of expression. This right is a key part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Many news organizations _____ forces to defend world media from _____ on their independence. The day is also a special time for journalists to _____ tribute to colleagues who have lost their lives while reporting. UNESCO gives a special _____ on this day to the person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to protecting or promoting press _____.

attacks

right

freedom

introduced

pay

join

raise

prize

U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon spoke about the _____ of a free media and of protecting journalists. He said: "A free, _____ and independent media is one of the foundations of peace and democracy. Attacks on freedom of press are _____ against international law, against humanity, against freedom itself....I am therefore..._____ at the way journalists are increasingly being targeted around the world, and _____ when such crimes are not thoroughly investigated and prosecuted." Mr. Ban called on all societies to " _____ no effort in bringing to justice the perpetrators of attacks on journalists". He also paid _____ "to all who work in difficult and dangerous _____" to bring us the news.

alarmed

secure

tribute

importance

conditions

attacks

spare

dismayed

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

World Press Freedom Day is on May 3 *every / all* year. The U.N. General Assembly introduced it in 1993. The *aims / aim* of the day is to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press. It is also a reminder to governments to respect the *right / left* to freedom of expression. This right is a key part *of / for* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Many news organizations *join / joint* forces to defend world media from attacks on their independence. The day is also a *special / specially* time for journalists to pay tribute to colleagues who have *losing / lost* their lives while reporting. UNESCO gives a special prize on this day to the person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to protecting or promoting *iron / press* freedom.

U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon spoke about the *important / importance* of a free media and of protecting journalists. He said: "A free, *secure / security* and independent media is one of the foundations of peace and *democratic / democracy*. Attacks on freedom of press are attacks against international law, against humanity, against freedom *oneself / itself*....I am therefore...alarmed at the way journalists are increasingly being targeted around the world, and *dismayed / dismay* when such crimes are not thoroughly investigated and prosecuted." Mr. Ban called on *every / all* societies to "spare no effort in bringing to justice the perpetrators of attacks on journalists". He also *paid / pay* tribute "to all who work in difficult and dangerous conditions" to *bring / report* us the news.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Press Freedom Day is on May 3 (1) ____ year. The U.N. General Assembly introduced it in 1993. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the (2) ____ of freedom of the press. It is also a reminder to governments to respect the right to freedom of expression. This right is a (3) ____ part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Many news organizations join forces to (4) ____ world media from attacks on their independence. The day is also a special time for journalists to (5) ____ tribute to colleagues who have lost their lives while reporting. UNESCO gives a special prize on this day to the person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to protecting or (6) ____ press freedom.

U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon spoke about the importance of a free media and (7) ____ protecting journalists. He said: "A free, secure and independent media is one of the foundations of peace and democracy. Attacks on freedom of press are attacks (8) ____ international law, against humanity, against freedom itself...I am therefore...(9) ____ at the way journalists are increasingly being targeted around the world, and dismayed when such crimes are not (10) ____ investigated and prosecuted." Mr. Ban called on all societies to "(11) ____ no effort in bringing to justice the perpetrators of attacks on journalists". He also (12) ____ tribute "to all who work in difficult and dangerous conditions" to bring us the news.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) all | (b) whole | (c) every | (d) entire |
| 2. | (a) important | (b) importantly | (c) importance | (d) imports |
| 3. | (a) key | (b) lock | (c) chain | (d) combination |
| 4. | (a) defensive | (b) defend | (c) defender | (d) defence |
| 5. | (a) sell | (b) lend | (c) buy | (d) pay |
| 6. | (a) promotion | (b) promoting | (c) promoted | (d) promoter |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) for | (c) at | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) via | (b) versus | (c) for | (d) against |
| 9. | (a) alarm bells | (b) alarming | (c) alarmed | (d) alarms |
| 10. | (a) thoroughly | (b) through | (c) thorough | (d) throughout |
| 11. | (a) repair | (b) despair | (c) compare | (d) spare |
| 12. | (a) sold | (b) paid | (c) bought | (d) lent |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. The U.N. General Assembly udtdnciroe it in 1993
2. the otarmnceip of freedom
3. a eerdnmir to governments
4. join reocfs to defend world media
5. pay uitrebt to colleagues
6. made an outstanding cibnrtoniotu

Paragraph 2

7. rpticegnto journalists
8. one of the snfodioanut of peace
9. ttsacka on freedom
10. increasingly being teaedgrt
11. not thoroughly enedittvsaig
12. work in difficult and dangerous noidntcsio

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () also a special time for journalists to pay tribute to colleagues who have lost their
- () made an outstanding contribution to protecting or promoting press freedom.
- () “to all who work in difficult and dangerous conditions” to bring us the news.
- () around the world, and dismayed when such crimes are not thoroughly investigated and prosecuted.” Mr. Ban called
- () Human Rights. Many news organizations join forces to defend world media from attacks on their independence. The day is
- () lives while reporting. UNESCO gives a special prize on this day to the person or organization that has
- () on all societies to “spare no effort in bringing to justice the perpetrators of attacks on journalists”. He also paid tribute
- () of the day is to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press. It is also a reminder to governments to
- () against freedom itself....I am therefore...alarmed at the way journalists are increasingly being targeted
- () respect the right to freedom of expression. This right is a key part of the Universal Declaration of
- () democracy. Attacks on freedom of press are attacks against international law, against humanity,
- () U.N. General Secretary Ban Ki-moon spoke about the importance of a free media and of protecting
- (**1**) World Press Freedom Day is on May 3 every year. The U.N. General Assembly introduced it in 1993. The aim
- () journalists. He said: “A free, secure and independent media is one of the foundations of peace and

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. freedom the the of of press importance

2. expression the to of respect right freedom

3. attacks from media world defend to forces join

4. lives who pay have tribute lost to their colleagues

5. UNESCO day this on prize special a gives

6. the media free a of importance

7. of foundations the of one peace

8. not crimes thoroughly are investigated

9. justice perpetrators attacks to the of bringing

10. and difficult in work conditions dangerous

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Press Freedom Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about World Press Freedom Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Press Freedom Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about World Press Freedom Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.